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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a
Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Construct
Facilities to Provide an Alternate Gas supply
for the City of Amery and the Village of
Clear Lake, Polk County, Wisconsin

6650-CG-190

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION
AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC), as a gas public utility, filed an application with the Commission on April 7, 1998, for authority under s. 196.49, Stats., and Chapter PSC 133, Wis. Adm. Code, to construct facilities to provide an alternate gas supply to the City of Amery and the Village of Clear Lake, Polk County, Wisconsin.

WGC currently serves the City of Amery and the Village of Clear Lake with gas delivered by Northern Natural Pipeline Company. The proposed project would connect these two communities to gas supplies delivered by Viking Gas Transmission Company pipeline.

WGC is proposing to install approximately 54,000 feet of four inch steel gas main and construct one new gate station as part of this project. The gate station will be built by WGC on Viking property along N. Fish Lake Road/20th Ave., approximately 0.4 miles east of its intersection with STH 46 in the Town of Black Brook, Polk County. From that point the steel main will proceed east along N. Fish Lake Road/20th Ave. to 95th Street where the line splits into two separate 4 inch steel lines. One line then continues north along 95th Street to Griffin Road and ends at an existing gate station in the City of Amery. The other leg of the line continues east along 20th Ave. to 70th street, north on 70th Street to 25th Ave., east on 25th Ave. to Old Highway 63 and then northeast on Old Highway 63 to an existing gate station in the Village of Clear Lake where the line terminates. The estimated cost of the project is \$821,500.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will investigate the application without conducting a hearing.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary in order to carry out its duties to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a gas public utility. The expenses incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to the investigation will be assessed against and collected from Wisconsin Gas Company as a gas public utility, under s. 196.85, Stats., and Chapter PSC 5, Wis. Adm. Code.

This is a Type III action under s. 4.10(3), Wis. Adm. Code. No unusual circumstances suggesting the likelihood of significant environmental consequences have come to the Commission's attention. Neither an environmental impact statement under s. 1.11, Stats., nor an environmental assessment is required.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Tom Stemrich, Natural Gas Division at (608) 266-2800.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

For the Commission:

Anita Sprenger, Administrator
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